

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

FROM: RUDY LOPEZ, Director
Department of Behavioral Health

**SUBJECT: CONTRACTS FOR GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH OUTPATIENT SERVICES
AND JAIL ALTERNATIVE SERVICES**

RECOMMENDATION: Approve contracts for General Mental Health (GMH) Outpatient Services and Jail Alternative Services totaling \$6,242,335 for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004 with the following providers:

Contract #	Provider	Contract Amount
	Bear Valley Community Healthcare District Family Counseling Center (GMH)	\$700,000
	Family Service Agency of San Bernardino (GMH)	\$876,056
	Mental Health Systems, Inc. for Redlands & Needles Counseling Centers (GMH)	\$300,000
	Mental Health Systems, Inc. for Pegasus Day Rehabilitation Center (Jail Alternative)	\$300,000
	Morongo Basin Mental Health Services, Inc. (GMH)	\$1,550,000
	Redlands-Yucaipa Guidance Clinic Association, Inc. (GMH)	\$1,200,000
	San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services (GMH)	\$52,284
	Shobai, Inc. (Jail Alternative)	\$109,500
	West End Family Counseling Services (GMH)	\$920,581
	Morongo Basin for CalWORKS (GMH)	\$233,914
	TOTAL	\$6,242,335

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to continue to provide GMH and Jail Alternative services for San Bernardino County residents at the agencies listed above in FY 03/04.

DBH operates a continuum of care system that consists of County operated and contracted service providers delivering a variety of mental health outreach and treatment services within each geographic region of the County. Each provider has a specific responsibility and role within the County's treatment delivery system.

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GMH contract agencies are state-certified providers that must deliver Short-Doyle Medi-Cal (SD/MC) services. (Short-Doyle Medi-Cal provides for services to indigent individuals and/or individuals who do not have regular Medi-Cal or private insurance. Short-Doyle Medi-Cal also provides for services for individuals with severe mental and/or physical deficiencies.) These agencies are community-based organizations offering mental health outreach and/or treatment services designed to provide residents the maximum reduction of mental disability, restoration or maintenance of the ability to function consistent with the requirements for learning, development, independent living, and enhanced self-sufficiency. Jail Alternative contractor agencies provide day rehabilitation and case management services to county residents designated as adult mentally ill offenders by the court system or those at risk of becoming offenders, and who are referred for treatment through the Mental Health Courts. The GMH and Jail Alternative providers treat adults, children, and families. Services provided include:

- Sexual assault crisis intervention and outreach
- Adult only residential program as a jail alternative
- Case management
- Outpatient therapy
- Crisis intervention
- Medication support
- Linkage, consultation and placement services

On June 26, 2001 the BOS approved contracts with the 11 contractors listed above for GMH and Jail Alternative services in the amount of \$7,620,121 for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. On June 25, 2002 the BOS approved amendments to all of these contracts in the amount of \$8,046,135 so provision of services could continue through June 30, 2003. Reductions to total FY 03-04 expenditures stem from the Department's plan to reduce use of Realignment funding to sustainable levels. In accordance with the county's standard procurement policy, the services represented above will be procured through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process during FY 03/04.

All of the Contractors listed above are current service providers, have met all goals and required performance standards, and are in compliance with the terms of their current agreements.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: These Contracts have been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel (Charles J. Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 6, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office, Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 13, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item will provide General Mental Health Outpatient Services to residents of San Bernardino County in the amount of \$6,242,335 for FY 03/04. Funding for these contracts is included in the Department's Proposed FY03/04 Budget. Combined funding for these GMH services consists of Federal Financial Participation (FFP), State General Fund, Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT), and State Realignment funds dedicated to mental health services for the residents of San Bernardino County. Funding is expected to continue through FY 03/04. There is no local cost to the County.

Effective July 1, 1995, as part of the expansion of Medi-Cal services for full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiary's ages 0-21, the EPSDT services program went into effect. It is a federally mandated program that requires states to provide EPSDT services to eligible Medi-Cal recipients in this age group. The Department plans to extend Medi-Cal coverage to children and youth to ascertain physical and mental disorders and to provide treatment.

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COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval, as it will impose no local cost and ensures uninterrupted service to County residents.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Rudy Lopez, Director, DBH (909) 387-7024

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